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Art Unit	3711
Examiner Name	Chiu, Raleigh W.
Attorney Docket Number	FL12-057

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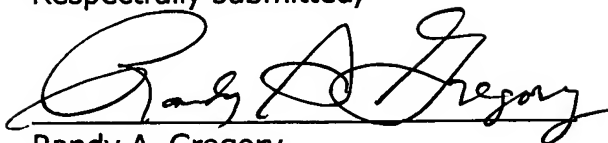
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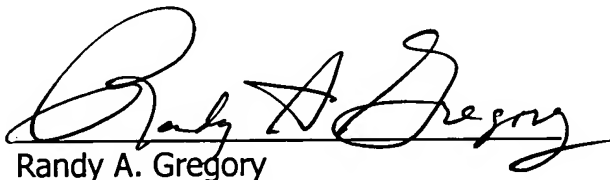
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